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Successful Conviction

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has successfully prosecuted Mr Roger Moore for the disposal of grease trap waste to land without the landowner's permission.

Mr Moore was convicted and fined \$3,160 for unlawfully disposing of 6,200 litres of grease trap waste to a property on the Eyre Peninsula. Mr Moore's employer at the time of the incident, had instructed Mr Moore to deliver the waste to a licensed disposal depot, instead he disposed of it to bushland.

Mr Moore was charged with intentionally or recklessly disposing of waste contravening section 31(1) of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*.

EPA Executive Director Operations Andrew Wood said that the EPA was pleased with the conviction.

"It is encouraging that Mr Moore's employer, an EPA licensee, took immediate steps to report this incident and to clean up the site.

"As South Australia's leading environmental regulator it is our role to protect the local environment and to ensure people and corporations are aware of their responsibility to avoid pollution incidents from occurring and where necessary, to notify the relevant authorities of any incidents as soon as practicable.

"This penalty is a reminder that the EPA is serious about pursuing those that breach the *Environment Protection Act 1993*," said Mr Wood.

To report an incident that may cause environmental harm you can go to the EPA website <u>www.epa.sa.gov.au</u> or contact 8204 2004 or 1800 623 445 (non-metropolitan callers).